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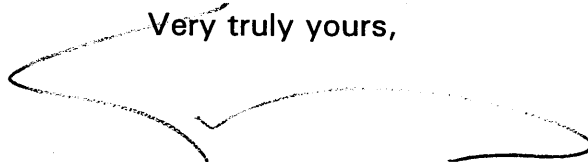
Re: Status Report - *Third Party Bill Block*
Docket No. 00-00339

Dear Mr. Waddell:

As requested by the Authority during the May 9, 2000 regularly-scheduled Directors' Conference, BellSouth is providing this status report with respect to Third Party Bill Block. System testing of Bill Block is completing, and production testing is in progress. Review of test results is continuing. Testing is anticipated to be completed by late August. The proposed tariff package was filed August 1, 2000. Methods and procedures have been prepared and training is scheduled for completion by September 1, 2000.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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